

**Shelburne Recreation Committee Minutes**  
**Monday, Nov. 13, 2023 6:00 PM**  
**DRAFT**

**Members Present:** Peggy Coutu, Ann Clark, Kelli Magnier, Susan McLellan

**Staff Present:** Betsy Cieplicki

**Others Present:** Nichole Carpenter, Bike, Ped. Paths Comm., Ken Albert, Finance Comm.

**Meeting called to order by Peggy at 6:02 pm.**

**Minutes from Oct. 16, 2023 Meeting:** Minutes were not approved as no quorum was present to vote.

**Public Comment:**

-Nicole Carpenter from the BPPC spoke about creating a loop with the Ti Haul trail. It would connect the Ti-Haul Trail with Harbor Road, Bay Road and Shelburne Farms. A Project Development Grant is available and due on Dec. 15th. Betsy is in support of this but questioned who would be responsible for maintaining this path. A letter in support from the Town with input from the committee would be helpful. The deadline to submit the letter is Dec. 8th.

-Ken Albert attended the meeting to get a better sense of how we use our finances and revenue resources. The Committee's focus is how to improve this without creating extra work.

**Director's Report:** See the full report attached at end.

Bolton Ski Program has two sessions and both are full with 100 participants in total. Offering two sessions allows more students to participate.

Youth Basketball sign ups look stronger this year.

The Hullcrest Park survey had lots of responses. There will be a public forum in December focusing on the features of the Park and to narrow down the type and color scheme of the park.

The Bay Park Bridge needs to be replaced. Options are being explored. This project is not in the Recreation's draft budget. Betsy is waiting for a quote.

The Beach House is waiting for the steel beam posts to be installed.

**Special Events:**

-We are in good shape for the Tree Lighting Event on Dec. 1st. There will be a model train display in the library after the families see Santa. Because of safety concerns, Santa will be in the Library and not at the Town Green. The SD Ireland Truck of Lights will be present from 5-6pm. Volunteers for the event include Peggy, Sue, Kelli and Ann. Betsy will reach out to other Committee members. The Nursey School is doing a fundraiser outside of Town Hall during the event.

-Winter Carnival will be on Jan 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 1-3pm. Betsy reserved a bounce house, The Big Blue Trunk and sent out invitations to organizations about offering a free activity for kids. It will be held at SCS. Signs have been ordered to advertise the event. Betsy will look into getting someone to perform that day also.

**Budget Update:** The first draft proposal for the Recreation budget has been submitted. Betsy was very happy with how it looked. Revenue in the proposal is projected to be higher than expenses excluding salaries and benefits.

**Other Business:** None

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

---

### **Directors Report Nov. 13, 2023**

**Program Update:** The Bolton Valley After School Ski & Ride program registration kicked off in early Nov. We plan to participate in two sessions. The first is in Jan. and we have 50 out of 50 bus seats filled. The second session starts in mid Feb. and we are currently full at 50 with a wait list.

Youth Basketball registration deadline was last Friday, Nov. 10. We have 129 kids signed up in grades 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. We are still filling volunteer coach positions but plan to start practices the week of Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Parks Update:**

Hullcrest Playground Project – The survey was very successful with over 100 people responding, along with over 30 who would like to be involved in the planning process. Betsy will take the info from the survey and use to help develop priorities and parameters to use for the design. She will engage those who want to be involved with a public forum in December. Hoping to get some designs and an RFP out in Jan/ Feb.

Bay Park Eagle Scout Bridge – A resident notified us that there was rot on the support beams of the bridge and the bridge was bowing and unstable. We had a couple different people with knowledge check it out, and it has been determined that the bridge cannot just be repaired but needs to be rebuilt. We have requested a quote to hopefully get it added to the FY24-25 budget, as a rebuild will be more than we have available in the operating budget for a repair.

Beach House Project – Not much work has been completed on the beach house since the last meeting. The foundation is complete but delays in the steel beam posts and delivery have created a standstill in work. A design for the concrete patio was decided on. The Bluestone pavers were cut out of the budget for value engineering earlier in the year. Stamped concrete was the chosen alternative. We've opted for natural, no color.

**Office Update:**

Betsy will be on vacation Nov. 14 – 17. The office will be closed Nov. 23 and 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday.